

**REMARKS**

Claims 46-48 and 50-56 are currently pending in this application. By this amendment, Claim 46 has been amended to more clearly recite that the endoscopic portion is "rotatably supported by the handle portion about its longitudinal axis" and also to recite that "each of the jaws" is "movable in relation to each other and the articulating portion". Claim 46 is believed to patentably distinguish over the prior art of record.

In view of the foregoing amendments, all Claims pending in this application, namely Claims 46-48 and 50-56, are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early and favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone or personal interview may facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, he is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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